

# Race, Glamour on Airport Day Agenda Saturday

The second annual Torrance Airport Day at Municipal Airport Saturday will be spotlighted by comely Kathy Marlowe, Hollywood movie star, who will attempt to learn to solo a plane that day at the airport on Pacific Coast Hwy. between Hawthorne and Crenshaw.

The blonde star, who never has flown before, will start receiving flying instructions at 9:30 a.m. when Airport Day officially gets under way. Before the event's close at 5 p.m., Miss Marlowe will try to solo. Instructions and planes will be furnished by Skyline Co., a local concern at the airport.

The gala event is sponsored by the Airport Commission, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Torrance. General Chairman Joe Doss of the Chamber's Aviation Committee said Miss Marlowe's attempt to solo had been added to the day's activities to dramatize the ease in which one may become a pilot today and to arouse public awareness in the future of aviation, especially at Municipal Airport here.

A bevy of activities has been planned for Airport

Day. One of the world's largest aircraft, a Douglas C-133A, will be named the "City of Torrance" at the festivities. Torrance's first lady, Mrs. Albert Isen, will christen the great turbo-prop heavy cargo transport at 1 p.m. Doss recently reported that only one other city—San Francisco—had been honored in this manner, adding that arrangements have been made for the public to go aboard the sky monster to view first-hand the new craft.

The C-133 has the ability to haul a 41,700-pound payload, can fly 3500 nautical miles—or a 95,000-pound load for distances up to 1500 miles. Ninety-six per cent of all ground force military vehicles can be hauled fully assembled by the great ship. First flight of the craft was in April, 1956. It is 157 feet 6 inches long and has a wing span of 179 feet 8 inches and a height of 48 feet—plus a few more inches.

Another feature of Airport Day will be a model airplane "dog fight." Four local boys will conduct a mock battle at the event, with performances at 11 a.m.

and 3 p.m. Participants will be Byron and Immy Ivey, John Gudvanden and Phil Garro.

Twenty static displays also will capture the interest of visitors, according to Static Display Chairman John Wallace, who stressed that this year's display will far surpass last year's initial effort.

List of exhibitors include AirResearch Division of Garrett Corp., American Air Lines, Aeronaves de Mexico, Alitiation Air Lines, Braniff International Airways, Experimental Aircraft Assn., Flying Tiger Lines, Federal Aviation Agency, Harbor Testing Co., Norair Division of Northrop, Pacific Southwest Air Lines, Ryan Aeronautical, Aero Detail of Sheriff's Office, U. S. Air Force, U. S. Weather Bureau, Vickers, Western Air Lines, Swissair, Sabena Belgium World Air Lines, and Scandinavian Air Lines.

Doss said free air trips will be offered hourly as door prizes. There will be many concessions available to entertain young and old, stated Concession Chairman John Stretch.

Certain to hold much interest at Airport Day will

be the Handicap Trophy Dash that gets started a noon, non-stop from Torrance Airport to Warner Springs and return. The Exchange Club of South Bay's Aviation Committee will be in charge of timing, handicapping and judging. Trophies will be presented at 5 p.m. by Torrance Mayor Albert Isen. Reigning over Airport Day will be lovely Sharon Smith, Miss Airport Day.

Other committee chairmen for Airport Day are Tom Abrams, decorations; Bob Morris, public relations; Jack Egan, facilities; Ray Sloan, publicity; Ed Dietrich, air events; "Dutch" Horlander, city coordination; Homer Morgan, sound effects; Sgt. Lee Mason, U. S. Air Force, military display; John Johnson, arrangements.

James Van Dyke and the Torrance Youth Band will play between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Also on hand will be the Civil Air Patrol cadets and Explorer Scouts, who'll answer questions and direct visitors.

John Nagel, new owner of the "big hanger," will provide use of it for Airport Day displays, while Ed Dietrich also will have displays in his hanger.

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**A Penny for your Thoughts**

Four of five persons interviewed by the HERALD this week said they favored the recent moving of the new Torrance Municipal Bus Line depot from Carson and Cabrillo to the triangle at Torrance Blvd. and Sartori Ave.

Consensus was that the new location was more accessible.

Monty Ormsby, 1003 Cota St., said:

"I don't think it still is centrally located . . . I know this is California, but what are you going to do when it rains?" (Ormsby is a native Californian.)

Nash Ortiz, local mail carrier, 20805 1/2 Vermont, said:

"The new location is convenient. It's not far from town. You don't have to go through all the traffic now to get to the bus depot."

Miss Sharon Berg, South High School senior, 3427 W. 190th St., stated:

"It's nearer the downtown location and, I believe, easier to reach than it was at the other location."

Mrs. Mary Zellmer, 20704 1/2 S. Western, said:

"The depot is now in a better location. You might say it's now on the main drag."

A friend of Mrs. Zellmer, Mrs. John Gunn, 2500 Grant Ave., Redondo Beach, shared this viewpoint, too. She said:

"The new depot spot is easier to reach for all concerned."

**Silence Proclaimed**

A proclamation asking for a minute of silence between 11 and 11:01 a.m. next Tuesday, Sept. 15, was issued by Mayor Albert Isen this week. The request, part of a nationwide movement, is designed to call attention to the day of meditation and prayer to coincide with the scheduled arrival of Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

# \$17,500 TAKEN BY GUNMEN

## Truce Sought In Zone Tiff

(See Photo on Page 21)

Efforts to settle the controversy between residents along Monterey St. and owners of industrial property nearby were given the green light by the city council this week.

Atty. Charlton A. Mewborn, representing the R. C. Mahon Co., asked that application of an ordinance establishing a buffer zone of 100 feet along the south side of Monterey be waived as it affects the Mahon property on the grounds that the law deprives Mahon of "its constitutional rights and property without due process of law or compensation."

Residents and representatives of the new Torrance industry will meet during the next two weeks to work out terms under which the firm could add to the office building now under construction. The building is being erected with a 50-foot buffer zone restriction.

CREATION of the buffer zone was ordered by the council two months ago after residents adjacent to the property expressed concern about the possible nuisance factor of industry next to homes.

Allan S. Moore, a high school mathematics teacher and resident of the area, spoke for residents, saying residents had been "mislead" during the previous hearings.

He did say, however, that it was his belief that residents would not object to extension of the office building as now being constructed. On this basis, the residents and Mahon Co. officials were asked to discuss the matter and return to the council with an agreement which could be maintained by each side.

The woman, native of Chula Vista, passed the checks in the South Bay area and in Long Beach, it was reported. In her latest spree of signing worthless checks, she used the name of a Torrance housewife.

Torrance detectives said the suspect had abandoned her husband and children.

## Hit By Truck, Boy Unhurt

A 5-year-old boy escaped serious injuries when struck by a truck at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday on Yukon Ave. and 170th St., Torrance police reported.

He was identified as Douglas Randal Ropp, Apt. A, 3541 W. 170th St., and was walking east on Yukon when hit by a pick-up truck driven by Albert Joseph Gouin, 57, 304 Bayview Dr., Manhattan Beach, police said.

The lad was rushed to Harbor General Hospital by Goodhue Ambulance, Torrance, and discharged in the afternoon following emergency treatment. The truck driver wasn't cited by police.



**AIRPORT DAY FEATURE . . .** Vivacious Kathy Marlowe, Hollywood movie star, will attempt to learn to fly in one day as part of the festivities at the second annual Airport Day at Torrance Municipal Airport Saturday. She'll start receiving flying instructions at 9:30 a.m. and hopes to make a solo flight before the day is over. Pictured with Miss Marlowe is S/Sgt. Lee Mason, Torrance Air Force Recruiter, who is in charge of all military displays for the day-long celebration. (Herald Photo)

## 225 Oil Field Law Violations Found

A survey of the city's oil field situation revealed the city 522 wells operated by 120 companies, 39 sumps, and 225 violations of law. Wade Peebles, director of public works, told the council Tuesday.

Reporting on a request by Councilman Willys G. Blount for specific information on the situation in the city's oil fields, Peebles said notices were being sent to all owners whose facilities or equipment were in violation of city ordinances.

"All notices will be sent out by Oct. 30, and all corrective measures are to be completed

by Nov. 30," Peebles said.

After that date, it was indicated that the city could institute legal action on any remaining violations in the city.

The request for action on the oil field situation followed the near fatal struggle of a young Torrance lad who had fallen in an oil sump near his home this summer. Other such cases through the years, and cases of animals straying into the oily quagmires and dying, have brought criticism by officials, civic leaders, and the HERALD for many years, but action in correcting the hazard-

ous situations has been moving slowly if at all.

"We'll get some action now, or else . . ." Councilman Blount said after the meeting.

### Resuscitator Call

Torrance Fire Dept. made a resuscitator call at the residence of Martha Shouse, 29, 5514 Carmel, at 10:30 a.m. Monday when she was having difficulty breathing and was turning pale. She was taken to Harbor General Hospital, where she was treated for shock and released.

## Market Hit At Closing

Two armed burglaries totaling a haul of \$17,700 and two other burglaries involving \$95 and other goods were reported as having occurred over the weekend by Torrance police.

John Deere of the Foods Co. Market, 2655 Pacific Coast Hwy., told police that about 10:25 p.m. Saturday, two men entered the establishment and forced him to hand over about \$17,500 in cash. One of the three suspects hid in the store until closing time, and then accosted Deere with another buddy. The third suspect remained in the car.

Deere said he was pushing a market cart with the day's receipts when one of the pair, a Mexican about 23 years of age, and standing about six feet one and a half inches and weighing about 160 pounds, sneaked up behind him. This suspect barked:

"If you make one move, I'll kill you—and if you trip any alarm or if any police come in, you'll be the first to go."

### THE SUSPECT

forced Deere to take the money out of the money bag and place it in a paper sack, while he brandished a double-barrel shotgun.

The two burglars were going to take Deere with them but the market man ran away from them after dropping the money bag, according to the police report.

Police reported that the second suspect was a Mexican about 34 years old. No description was given of the third burglar who remained in the get-away car throughout the incident. Police described the car as a 1957 two-door, black Chevrolet. The rear license was covered with a rag. The car last was seen heading north on Crenshaw Blvd.

The burglar ordered Blackstock to "find the other box" and he snatched up bills in them also. While the burglary was going on, a customer entered the place and the suspect quickly went to the rear of the station so he wouldn't be seen.

AFTER COMPLETING the holdup, the suspect, police stated, was seen headed south on Arlington.

Police also reported two regular burglaries over the weekend. Joe Bray, 18344 Ashley Ave., said two bridles valued at \$30 were taken from a barn at 22704 Ocean about 2:30 p.m. Friday. The burglar used a long stick to lift the bridles off a hook on the wall of the tack room in the stable.

H. A. Camp, 4602 Ave. C, owner of Camp Automatic Vending Service, 2448 S. Hawthorne Blvd., told police that sometime between 9 p.m. Monday and early Tuesday, a person or persons entered through an unlocked window and made off with \$65 in cash and 20 cartons of assorted cigarettes. Police said the theft was discovered by F. L. Smith, an employe of Camp.

## Hearing Set For Juveniles In Lootings

A hearing for two juveniles, age 10 and 12, on five charges of late August burglaries in the city was to be held this weekend, authorities reported.

The youths reportedly confessed to the crimes. Stolen was an estimated \$78 and merchandise. There were two burglaries at Hahn's Market, 645 Sartori Ave., two at Torrance TV Studio and one at Quality Market, 2171 Torrance Blvd.

The lads allegedly admitted burglary at a photographic studio during one of their jaunts while their parents slept. Among articles stolen were two transistor radios and cigarette lighters. The boys were expected to be released to their parents following the hearing.